

To: Southern Shores Town Council
RE: Report
From: Selection Committee for the South and East Dogwood Trail Task Force
Ms. Pat Wilson, Chair
Mr. Ike McRee
The Rev. Mr. Alan Swartz
Mr. Hal Denny
Mr. Ross Mitchell
Mr. Andy Ward
Date: October 6, 2015.

We were appointed by the Town Council for the purpose of recommending separate appointment of a nine member South and East Dogwood Trails Task Force. We were further charged by Town Council with “insuring that the South and East Dogwood Trails Task Force is populated in such a manner as to avoid preconceived notions or biases toward personally desired outcomes.”

Applicants were asked for a short biography and the reason they wished to serve on the Task Force. We received thirty six applications which each person on the committee read. Applicants were to be full time residents of Southern Shores, registered to vote in Southern Shores and not have conflicting interests, e.g. being related to members of the Town Council or Southern Shores staff. The committee concluded that we need not interview all applicants and therefore devised a rating system to select the top scores in the various categories we were instructed to cover. We then interviewed thirteen ~~people~~ applicants. Two we did not deem necessary to interview because they received such high initial scores.

Upon completion of our work, we nominate the following nine people to serve on the South and East Dogwood Trails Task Force.

Ms. Shirley Ruff – retired Sergeant from the Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department, familiar with safety issues and emergency procedures. Shirley is a well known artist with a Masters in Art Education and an art teacher for many years. She lives on Chicahauk Trail.

Mr. Jim Conners – a professional landscape architect with thirty years of experience, twenty of those years on the Outer Banks. Jim has participated in many volunteer projects in Southern Shores. He lives on Duck Woods Dr.

Ms. Mary Keith Lilly – worked for almost thirty years with cooperative extension agency in Loudoun County, dealing with citizen and personnel complaints, among other things. She is a master gardener and lives on Wood Duck Ct.

Mr. Michael Fletcher – an analytic methodological who taught critical thinking and analysis methods, problem definition and how to develop and evaluate alternative answers and solutions. Michael lives on Woodland Dr.

Ms. Maureen McGrath – former corporate lawyer from New York City. She has served on the Chicahauk ARB for many years and is the secretary of the Outer Banks Forum for the Lively Arts. She is also a master gardener. She and her husband, John Gualtieri, recently moved from Chicahauk to South Dogwood Tr.

Mr. Richard Bell – is a licensed general contractor for residential construction for over ten years in North Carolina. He is mindful that we live in one of the few maritime forests on the planet. Having lived for fifty years in Northern Virginia, he treasures the area of Southern Shores. Richard lives on South Dogwood.

Dr. Dan Dwyer – a beloved and well known OB-GYN Physician who has practiced and lived in Southern Shores for twenty years. Dr. Dwyer has been involved in Medical Leadership and community work over all the years he has lived here. He lives on North Dogwood Tr.

Mr. Tom Craney – a retired London banker and racing bicyclist, living in Southern Shores since 2000. He served on the town ARB for five years and has done other volunteer work in the community. He lives on East Dogwood Tr.

Mr. Sam Williams - presently the Chair of the Southern Shores Planning Board, before that he was on the Chicahauk ARB and the Southern Shores Civic Association ARB. He has a Masters Degree in Oceanography and worked thirty years for the EPA's office of Research and Development. Sam lives on Pudding Pan in Chicahauk.

The committee appreciates all who participated in the process and thank all those who came to be interviewed. We believe these people whom we are recommending to the Town Council are gifted and talented people open to providing an energetic and exciting complex of thoughts and ideas that will result in a solution to the Dogwood Trail dilemma. We thank you for the privilege of serving the Town of Southern Shores.